

# IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

## RETURN

OF

## PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACTS, 1881 AND 1887;" "THE  
LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885-1886;" AND "THE  
PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885,"

DURING THE MONTH OF

MARCH, 1888.

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## MONTH OF MARCH, 1888.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," up to the 31st day of March, 1888, both in the Land Commission and in the Civil Bill Courts; also of Proceedings in the Land Commission up to same date, under The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1885-1886, and under "The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885."

### I.—FAIR RENT.

#### (a) In Court.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed to Court to 29th February, 1888, . . . . .	177,194		Rents fixed to 29th February, 1888, . . . . .	97,779	
Applications received in month of March, 1888, . . . . .	2,181		" in month of Mar., 1888, . . . . .	1,884	99,663
		179,375	Applications disallowed or struck out to 29th February, 1888, . . . . .	25,827	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 29th February, 1888, . . . . .	22,738		" in month of Mar., 1888, . . . . .	301	26,128
Applications received in month of March, 1888, . . . . .	984		Applications withdrawn* to 29th February, 1888, . . . . .	10,789	
		23,722	" in month of Mar., 1888, . . . . .	142	10,931
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts, under sec. 6, "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending to 29th February, 1888, . . . . .	459				
Applications received in month of March, 1888, . . . . .	187				
		646			
Total, . . . . .	—	203,613	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	136,732

#### (b) Out of Court.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 33, fixing Fair Rent to 29th February, 1888, . . . . .	93,846
Do., do. in month of March, 1888, . . . . .	623
Total, . . . . .	94,469

\* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

### II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 29th February, 1888, . . . . .	1,333		Number disposed of to 29th February, 1888, . . . . .	958
Applications received in month of March, 1888, . . . . .	19		" in month of March, 1888, . . . . .	115
		1,352		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 81) received to 29th February, 1888, . . . . .	207			
Applications in month of March, 1888, . . . . .	38			
		245		
Total, . . . . .	—	1,496	Total, . . . . .	1,073

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of lease, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

## III.—APPEALS TO FAIR RENT, &amp;c.

Number of Appeals lodged to 29th February, 1888, . . .	24,809	Number heard to 29th Feb., 1888, . . .	9,293	2,448
" in month of March, 1888, . . .	702	" in month of Mar., 1888, . . .	* 155	
		Number dismissed or struck out to 29th Feb., 1888, . . .	±1,037	
		" in month of Mar., 1888, . . .	—	
		Deduct cases reinstated to 31st March, 1888, . . .	1,057	
			230	807
		Number withdrawn to 29th Feb., 1888, . . .	11,635	
		" in month of Mar., 1888, . . .	90	11,725
		Total Number disposed of, . . .	—	21,389
		Remaining to be disposed of, . . .	—	4,135
Total, . . .	25,511	Total, . . .	—	25,511

\* The full number of Appeals decided by Court in March, 48.

† In 406 cases the Notices were struck out because maps were not lodged as required by Rule 74, and in 451 cases because the notices were not duly stamped. Of the former 22 cases, and of the latter 178 cases, were reinstated.

## IV.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885—1886.

Applications received to 29th Feb., 1888, . . .	1,856	Rents fixed to 29th Feb., 1888, . . .	585	585
" in March, 1888, . . .	25	" in March, 1888, . . .	—	
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 29th Feb., 1888, . . .	100	
		" in March, 1888, . . .	—	100
Total, . . .	1,981	Total disposed of, . . .	—	685

## V.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTER TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2.)—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 29th February, 1888, *	58	Leases or Grants declared void to 29th Feb., 1888, . . .	—	12
		" in month of Mar., 1888, . . .	12	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 29th Feb., 1888, . . .	—	
		" in month of Mar., 1888, . . .	—	—
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 29th Feb., 1888, . . .	—	—
		" in month of Mar., 1888, . . .	—	—
Total, . . .	58	Total, . . .	—	12

\* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 29th February, 1888.

NOTE.—One application received by Civil Bill Court in month of February was not notified to Land Commission until March.

## VI.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 29th February, 1888, . . .	9	Applications granted to 29th February, 1888, . . .	—	—
" in month of March, 1888, . . .	2	" in month of Mar., 1888, . . .	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 29th Feb., 1888, . . .	—	
		" in month of Mar., 1888, . . .	—	—
		Applications withdrawn to 29th February, 1888, . . .	—	—
		" in month of Mar., 1888, . . .	—	—
Total, . . .	11	Total, . . .	—	—

## VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 29th February, 1888, . . . . .	11,852	£ 4,738,617
„ in March, 1888, . . . . .	625	144,502
	11,977	4,873,119
Loans sanctioned to 29th February, 1888, . . . . .	9,032	3,687,470
„ in March, 1888, . . . . .	550	238,529
	9,608	3,926,000
Loans issued to 29th February, 1888, . . . . .	5,661	2,145,027
„ in March, 1888, . . . . .	914	305,464
	5,975	2,450,491

Irish Land Commission, }  
11th April, 1888. }

DENIS GODLEY.